



## OHTN RESEARCH LOUNGE EVALUATION SUMMARY

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April 18, 2017 @ Glad Day Bookshop

**SHORT SUMMARY:** Dr. Alan Li facilitated the discussion around difficulties implementing GIPA/MIPA in HIV research and community organizations. Based on reading the article, “Change in access to mental health care and social support when people living with HIV/AIDS become service providers”, attendees shared personal experiences around GIPA/MIPA implementation issues and ideas to improve the implementation in many different levels.

**NUMBER OF ATTENDEES:** 25

**ATTENDEES WHO COMPLETED AN EVALUATION:** 13 (52%)

**DEMOGRAPHICS:** Completed 11/13

- ▶ Community member: 4 (36%)
- ▶ Student: 0
- ▶ Researcher/academic: 4 (36%)
- ▶ Community agency staff person: 3 (27%)

**OVERALL SATISFACTION:** Completed 10/13

- ▶ Good/Fabulous: 9 (90%)
- ▶ Average/Okay: 1 (10%)
- ▶ Poor: 0

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### TOP COMMENTS

- ✓ **I loved...**
  - ▶ The format—roundtable discussion, and the opportunity for everyone to participate
  - ▶ People being blunt, honest, that there was space for that
  - ▶ The passion of participants
- ✓ **Wow, I didn't know this!**
  - ▶ The mental health issues in PHAs who are service providers
  - ▶ Lip service and tokenism around GIPA/MIPA
  - ▶ The experience of lateral violence among PHAs
  - ▶ Sharing power is still not natural to many people, this is a huge barrier to changing systems
- ✓ **One thing I learned that I will use in my work/volunteering/life is...**
  - ▶ GIPA/MIPA is a struggle, we got to struggle smarter
  - ▶ Addressing tokenism, and find ways to meaningfully involve PHAs
  - ▶ Bring back the history of HIV movement but also critical understanding of the changing face of HIV
  - ▶ Remind other HIV+ people to connect with the wider community sector, not just the HIV sector